

STATE OF MAINE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES 135 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0135

AGENDA Meeting of July 11, 2001

9:00 A.M., First Floor Hearing Room 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Minutes of the June 13, 2001 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Review of Status of Two (2) MCEA Cases Referred to Attorney General: Review by Commission Counsel of Two (2) cases referred to Attorney General for investigation of possible violations of laws under jurisdiction of that office.

Recommendation: Consider in executive session as recommended by Counsel.

3. Maine Clean Election Act Penalty Issue: Determination of procedures for addressing nine (9) penalty cases resulting from alleged failures by candidates with Maine Clean Election Act opponents to file timely accelerated campaign finance reports. This issue was tabled pending legislative action to authorize the exercise of Commission discretion in the assessment of any penalties that may be appropriate following a factual finding of any violation. Due to due process requirements and availability of counsel issues, the Commission has been requested to delay consideration of individual cases until August.

Recommendation: Determine procedure for handling individual cases and table consideration of individual cases until August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Legislative Status Update: Report on the final status of bills that may affect the Commission.
- 5. Late Lobbyist Disclosure Penalty Determinations:
 - A. Edward I. Johnston, Lobbyist for Resource Policy Group May Monthly Report

Due 6/15/01; Filed 6/22/01

No previous late filings this biennium

Penalty: \$100.00

Recommendation: Waive penalty in full due to unexplained postal delays, noting as first late

filing in event of subsequent late filings



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B. Christopher C. Hamilton, Lobbyist for Maine Coast Heritage Trust

My Monthly Report

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Penalty: \$100.00

Recommendation: Assess penalty of \$50.00

6. Commission Member Resignation: Notice of resignation of Hon. Virginia Constantine.

7. Executive Session: As required.

8. Other: If needed.

ADJOURNMENT